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Mr. Francis D. Flanagan Chief Counsel Senate Investigations Subcommittee Committee on Government Operations Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Flanagan:

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Forwarded herewith is a copy of the Research Staff Report on "Estimates of Capabilities of the United States Combat Forces in Being, 1 September 1951," which you requested.

You will note that the report starts with Section II, page 14. Section I was a draft summary which did not add in any way to the report as submitted, and was therefore not reproduced. A few charts were also not reproduced, and exist only in the master copy retained at CIA. These do not in any way affect the validity of the staff report as forwarded to you.

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In view of the classification of this staff report, we would appreciate its return to CIA when it has fulfilled the Committee's needs.

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With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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